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September 3, 2010

**VIA EXPRESS DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau  
P.O. Box 979091  
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

**US BANK/FCC SEP 07 2010**

Re: Section 214 Authority to Transfer Control of Domestic Authorization  
between Unite Private Networks, L.L.C., Unite Private Networks-Illinois,  
L.L.C. and UPN Holdings LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. ("UPN"), and Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. ("UPNI") (together, the "Transferors"), and UPN Holdings LLC ("UPN Holdings" or "Transferee") (together, the "Applicants"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04, Applicants submit this original and six (6) copies of Joint Domestic Application for Streamlined Consent to Transfer of Control of UPN and UPNI to UPN Holdings.

Also enclosed is a completed Fee Remittance Form 159 containing a valid credit card number and expiration date for payment, in the amount of \$1,015.00 to the Federal Communications Commission, which satisfies the filing fee required for this Application under line 2.6 of Section 1.1105 of the Commission Rules. A redacted version of the Fee Remittance Form 159 is also enclosed with the copies of this filing.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the overnight envelope provided. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lance J.M. Steinhart  
Attorney for UPN Holdings LLC

Enclosures

c: C. Mark Kelly, Esq.  
Brogan T. Sullivan, Esq.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
REMITTANCE ADVICE  
FORM 159

(1) LOCUS# 078081		SPECIAL USE ONLY	
		FCC USE ONLY	
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(2) PAYER NAME (If paying by credit card please print exactly as it appears on the card) Unile Private Networks, L.L.C.		(3) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (U.S. Dollars and cents) \$1,015.00	
(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 R50 W 82 Hwy			
(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2 Suite 203			
(6) CITY Kearney		(7) STATE MO	(8) ZIP CODE 64080
(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (314) 260-1664		(10) COUNTRY CODE (If not U.S.A.)	
FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) REQUIRED			
(11) PAYER (FRN) 0014617557		(12) FCC USE ONLY	
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SECTION D - CERTIFICATION			
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT I, <u>Christopher C. Harrison</u> , certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE <u>Christopher C. Harrison</u> DATE <u>9/3/10</u>			

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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of the Joint Domestic Application of )

Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. and )  
Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. )  
Transferors, )

and )

UPN Holdings LLC )  
Transferee )

For Grant of Authority Pursuant to )  
Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, )  
as amended, and Section 63.04 of the )  
Commission's Rules to Complete a )  
Transfer of Control of an Authorized Domestic )  
Section 214 Carrier )  
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WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**JOINT DOMESTIC APPLICATION**  
**FOR STREAMLINED CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. ("UPN"), and Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. ("UPNI") (together, the "Transferors"), and UPN Holdings LLC ("UPN Holdings" or "Transferee") (together, the "Applicants"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04, respectfully request Federal Communications Commission approval for the transfer of control of Transferors, non-dominant carriers holding authority from the Commission and authorized to provide domestic interstate common carrier service pursuant to Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01.

This Application is eligible for streamlined processing, and therefore streamlined processing is requested pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii), as the Transferee is not a domestic telecommunications provider or otherwise affiliated with any domestic telecommunications providers, other than the providers covered by this Application. The proposed transaction involves the transfer of membership interests from existing owners to new investors. The transfer of control will not result in any change in service.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, UPN Holdings and its affiliates meet the streamlining criteria set forth in Section 63.03(b)(2)(i)-(ii) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i)-(ii).

In support of this Application, Applicants provide the following information:

## **II. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS**

### **A. Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. (Transferor) FRN: 0014817357**

UPN is a Missouri limited liability company with principal offices located at 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203, Kearney, Missouri 64060. UPN is currently owned by four individuals, all of whom are U.S. citizens. UPN is a facilities-based provider of high capacity fiber-optic networks to schools, governments, carriers, and large enterprise customers under long-term contracts. UPN provides E-rate services to schools and libraries.

UPN holds authority to provide interexchange, local and/or data services in Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Washington.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

**B. Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. (Transferor)**  
**FRN: 0014817035**

UPNI is a Missouri limited liability company with principal offices located at 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203, Kearney, Missouri 64060. UPNI is currently owned by four individuals, all of whom are U.S. citizens. UPNI is a facilities-based provider of high capacity fiber-optic networks to schools, governments, carriers, and large enterprise customers under long-term contracts. UPNI provides E-rate services to schools and libraries. UPNI holds authority to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service and facilities-based interexchange service in Illinois.

**C. UPN Holdings LLC (Transferee)**  
**FRN: 0020177036**

UPN Holdings LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with principal offices located at 100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

Bank of America Capital Investors V, L.P. (the "Investor"), through UPN Holdings LLC, a newly created Delaware limited liability company ("Buyer"), has entered into a transaction (the "Proposed Transaction") to acquire the businesses of UPN and UPNI.

Kevin M. Anderson, Ronald C. Reckrodt, Dennis R. Devoy and Jeffery S. Ingram ("Sellers") collectively own 100% of the membership interests in UPN and UPNI. Sellers desire to sell to UPN Holdings LLC, and UPN Holdings LLC desires to purchase from Sellers, 100% of the membership interest in each company.

In connection with the Proposed Transaction, Investor has formed UPN Holdings LLC as a wholly-owned subsidiary to enter into the definitive transaction documents. UPN Holdings LLC, in turn, has formed UPN Intermediate Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Intermediate Holdings"), as a wholly-owned subsidiary. In addition, Intermediate Holdings has formed two wholly-owned subsidiaries, UPN Merger Sub LLC and UPNI Merger Sub LLC, each Delaware limited liability companies. In connection with the Proposed Transaction (i) UPN will merge with and into UPN Merger Sub LLC, with UPN Merger Sub LLC surviving the merger, changing its name to Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. and continuing to be an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of UPN Holdings LLC and (ii) UPNI will merge with and into UPNI Merger Sub LLC, with UPNI Merger Sub LLC surviving the merger, changing its name to Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. and continuing to be an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of UPN Holdings LLC. The ownership interests of the current members in each of UPN and UPNI will be cancelled in exchange for the merger consideration provided by UPN Holdings LLC and Intermediate Holdings.

With the exception of certain rollover equity to be contributed to UPN Holdings LLC by the current owners of UPN and UPNI, Investor will contribute to UPN Holdings LLC all of the equity financing for the Proposed Transaction and, at the closing of the Proposed Transaction, Investor will own 89.11% of the equity interests of UPN Holdings LLC and two of the former owners of UPN and UPNI will own the balance of the equity of UPN Holdings LLC as a result of their rollover equity contribution. Intermediate Holdings, UPN Merger Sub and UPNI Merger Sub will remain direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of UPN Holdings LLC.

#### **IV. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Proposed Transaction described in Section III above will serve the public interest.

Further, the Proposed Transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be virtually transparent to customers of the certificated carriers. The transfer of control of UPN and UPNI will not result in a change of carrier for end user customers or in an assignment of authorizations. Following consummation of the Proposed Transaction, the authorized carriers will continue to provide high-quality communications services to their customers without interruption and without immediate change in rates, terms or conditions.

Given the increasingly competitive nature of the domestic and interstate telecommunications markets, Applicants are seeking to complete the Proposed Transaction as soon as possible in order to ensure that customers and Applicants can rapidly obtain the benefits of the Proposed Transaction. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission process, consider and approve this Application as expeditiously as possible.

**V. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.04**

Pursuant to Commission Rule 63.04, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04, Applicants submit the following information in support of their request for domestic Section 214 transfer of control in order to address the requirements set forth in Commission Rule 63.04:

**(a)(1) Name, address and telephone number of each Applicant:**

Transferors:

Unite Private Networks, L.L.C.  
950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Telephone: (816) 903-9400

Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C.  
950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Telephone: (816) 903-9400

Transferee:

UPN Holdings LLC  
100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Telephone: (980) 386-4377



**(a)(2) Jurisdiction of Organizations:**

Transferors:

Unite Private Networks, L.L.C.

Missouri Limited Liability Company

Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C.

Missouri Limited Liability Company

Transferee:

UPN Holdings LLC

Delaware Limited Liability Company

**(a)(3) Name, title, address and telephone number of the officer or contact point, such as legal counsel, to whom correspondence concerning this Application is to be addressed:**

For Transferors:

Kevin M. Anderson  
6319 N. Kensington Court  
Kansas City, Missouri 64119  
Telephone: (816) 260-1868  
Facsimile: (866) 594-6783  
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and

Husch Blackwell LLP  
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For Transferee:

UPN Holdings LLC  
Attn: George E. Morgan  
Kurt Leedy  
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- (a)(4) Name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten percent (10%) of the equity of the Applicants, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities (to the nearest one percent (1%):

**Information concerning the ten percent (10%) or greater shareholders of Transferors:**

Unite Private Networks, L.L.C.

Name: Kevin M. Anderson  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Ronald C. Reckrodt  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Dennis R. Devoy  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Jeffrey S. Ingram  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C.

Name: Kevin M. Anderson  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Ronald C. Reckrodt  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Dennis R. Devoy  
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Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Name: Jeffrey S. Ingram  
Business Address: 950 West 92 Highway, Suite 203  
Kearney, Missouri 64060  
Ownership: 25%  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

**Information concerning the ten percent (10%) or greater shareholders of Transferee:**

UPN Holdings LLC

Name: Banc of America Capital Investors, V, LP  
Business Address: 100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Ownership: 100%  
Citizenship: Delaware  
Principal Business: Investments

**Information concerning the ten percent (10%) or greater shareholders of Transferee:**

Banc of America Capital Investors V, LP

Name: BA Equity Investors, Inc.  
Business Address: 100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Ownership: 99.5% Limited Partnership interest (a 0.5% General Partner interest is held by Ridgemont Capital Management V, L.P., information follows)  
Citizenship: Delaware  
Principal Business: Investments

Name: Ridgemont Capital Management V, L.P.  
Business Address: 100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Ownership: 0.5% General Partner interest (a 99.5% limited partnership interest is held by BA Equity Investors, Inc., as described above)  
Citizenship: Delaware  
Principal Business: Investments

**BA Equity Investors, Inc. is 100% owned by:**

**Name:** Bank of America Corporation

**Business Address:** 100 North Tryon Street, 25th Floor  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255

**Citizenship:** Delaware

**Principal Business:** Banking & Financial Services

No single individual or entity owns more than 10% in Bank of America Corporation

- (a)(5) Certification pursuant to §§ 1.2001 through 1.2003 of this chapter that no party to the Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. 853.**

Applicants certify that they are not subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. § 853a; see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003.

- (a)(6) A description of the proposed Transaction is set forth in Section III above.**

- (a)(7) Description of the geographic areas in which the Transferor and Transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications services, and what services are provided in each area.**

**Transferors:**

UPN is a facilities-based provider of high capacity fiber-optic networks to schools, governments, carriers, and large enterprise customers under long-term contracts. UPN provides these services in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, and Washington. (No formal CCN authorization is required in Arizona, Indiana and Montana).

UPNI is a facilities-based provider of high capacity fiber-optic networks to schools, governments, carriers, and large enterprise customers under long-term contracts. UPNI provides these services in Illinois.

- (a)(8) Statement as to how the Application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in this Section or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined treatment.**

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(2)(i). Immediately following the transaction, Transferee (and its affiliates) will have a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than 10 percent, and the Transferee (and its affiliates) will provide competitive telephone exchange services or exchange access services (if at all) exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the transaction, and none of the Applicants (or their affiliates) are dominant with respect to any service.

- (a)(9) Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction.**

None

**(a)(10) Statement of whether the Applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure.**

Not applicable. Prompt completion of the proposed transaction, however, will help ensure that Applicants can obtain the benefits described in the foregoing application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission approve this Application pursuant to streamlined processing as expeditiously as possible.

**(a)(11) Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction.**

Not applicable.



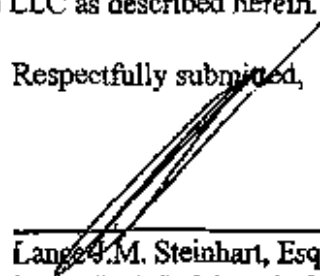
- (a)(12) A statement showing how grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets.

A statement showing how grant of the Application will serve the public interest is set forth in Section IV above.

## VI CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Application for the transfer of control of UPN and UPNI to UPN Holdings LLC as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Counsel for UPN Holdings LLC

Dated: 9/3/10

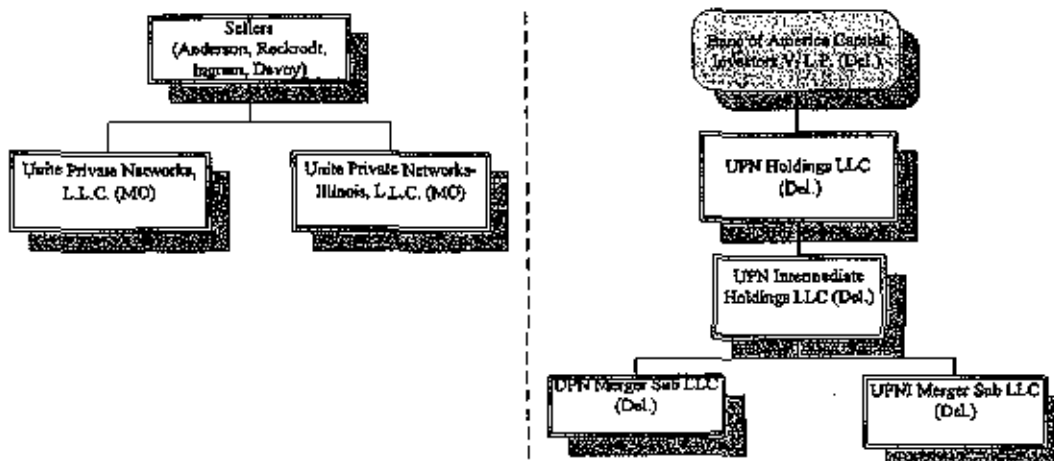
**EXHIBIT A**

**Pre- and Post-Transaction Corporate Structure of Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. and  
Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C.**

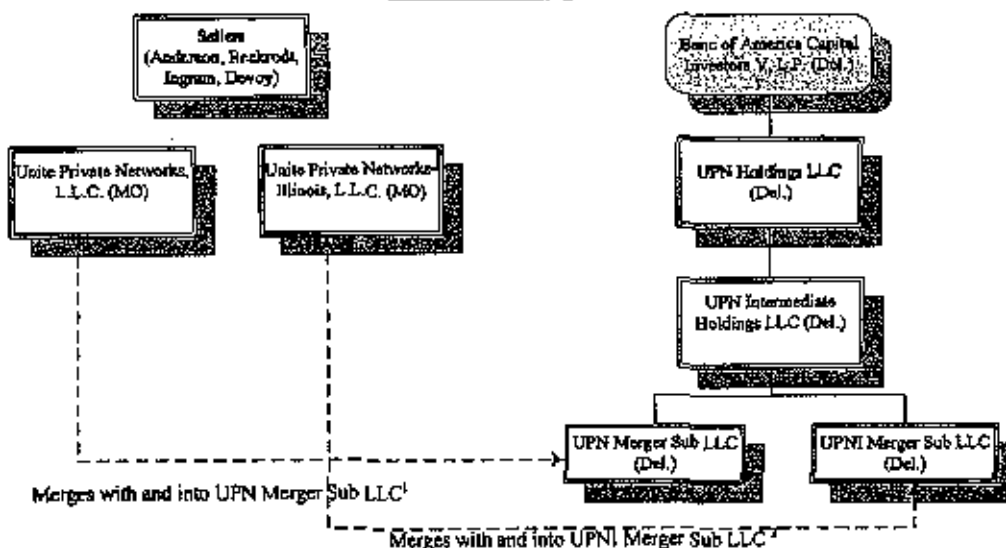
**ACQUISITION OF  
UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS, L.L.C. AND UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS-ILLINOIS, L.L.C. BY  
BANC OF AMERICA CAPITAL INVESTORS V, L.P.**

**TRANSACTION STRUCTURE**

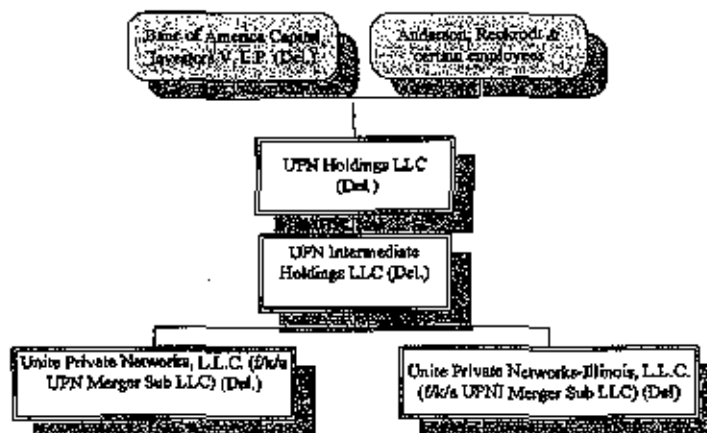
**Immediately prior to Transaction**



**Effect of the Transaction**



**Immediately after Transaction**



<sup>1</sup> The Sellers' membership interests in Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. are cancelled in exchange for the Merger Consideration. UPN Merger Sub LLC changes its name to "Unite Private Networks, L.L.C."

<sup>2</sup> The Sellers' membership interests in Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. are cancelled in exchange for the Merger Consideration. UPNI Merger Sub LLC changes its name to "Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C."

## CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin M. Anderson, state that I am Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Unite Private Networks, L.L.C., and hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of Unite Private Networks, L.L.C., a Transferor in the foregoing Joint Domestic Application. I further certify that the information in the Joint Domestic Application as it pertains to Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that Unite Private Networks, L.L.C. is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), as amended.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2010.

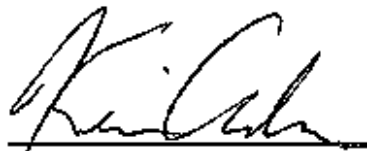


Kevin M. Anderson  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Unite Private Networks, L.L.C.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin M. Anderson, state that I am Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C., and hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C., a Transferor in the foregoing Joint Domestic Application. I further certify that the information in the Joint Domestic Application as it pertains to Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C. is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), as amended.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2010.




Kevin M. Anderson  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Unite Private Networks-Illinois, L.L.C.

## CERTIFICATION

I, George E. Morgan, state that I am Manager of UPN Holdings LLC, and hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of UPN Holdings LLC, the Transferee in the foregoing Joint Domestic Application. I further certify that the information in the Joint Domestic Application as it pertains to UPN Holdings LLC is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that UPN Holdings LLC is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), as amended.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2010.

  
George E. Morgan  
Manager  
UPN Holdings LLC